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SUBJECT.

Prospects of Indigo cultivation in Mysore

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FILE HEADING.

Prospects of
Indigo cultivation in Mysore

From

Baron Schrottky, Rosamount, Ootacamund

Letter No. - Dated. 31-5-13 Received 7-6-13
addressed to H.H. the Maharaja

Diary No. 6869 | Enclos. 2 Spare Copies - | Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Encloses for information a copy of his letter to the Govt. of India re "the rehabilitation of the Indigo industry in India" and some extracts from the records of Indigo research work done by him.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

The above letter was sent to the Dewan along with the accompanying letter from the Mysore Secy to His Highness

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Fernhill,
Ootacamund.
4th June 1912.

My dear Sir,

I am directed to send you the enclosed received from Baron Schrottky, Ootacamund, for such action as you may see fit to take.

His Highness has written to the Baron in reply to his letter (copy enclosed) that he would sen his letters &c to you to see what is possible to be done with regard to Indigo cultivation in Mysore. The Baron is coming to Mysore for the Week (24th to 30th) and will, I dare say, be only too glad to discuss the subject with Dr. Coleman or any one else whom you may depute, should a discussion be considered necessary.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
Mirza M Ismail

M. Visvesvaraya, Esq., C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

[illegible] d.o. to Dr. Coleman was approved by the Secy (Genl & Revt Sects) and issued under his signature.

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To Dr Cleman

Do. no R dy 5 6-13

Forwards the papers received from Baron Schrottky and requests him to send a note containing his views about the possibility & prospects of indigo cultivation in Mysore and states that the Dewan would be glad if Dr Cleman will discuss the question with Baron Schrottky when he goes to Mysore for the Race week (24th to 30th June 1913).

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It is subd in this connection that in 1911 this Same Baron Schuckey had addressed a communication to the Private Secy to His Highness the Maharaja on the subject of Indigo cultivation in Mysore. After consultation with the Revl Counl & the Economic Botanist, he was informed that Mr Knumbiegel, who was experimenting with the crop in the Lunkal Farm Expt Station, had been requested to communicate with him with regard to any suggestions he might make as to the manner in which the experiment should be conducted with a view to obtain successful results. (Mfr 112-11 & no 2)

A copy of the above was also sent to Mr Knumbiegel for information.

4 A draft of a letter to Mr Knumbiegel enquiring what action was taken in the matter subsequently is subd.

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To The Economic Botanist. No R7977 of 24.6.13. Invite his attention to memo No R6790 of 16.6.11 (Afn 112-10-2) and enquire what the result of the experiment in the Sunkel Duk was in regard to indigo cultivation.

8 & no 4.

No. 317-6-13 from Dr. Coleman. States that it is not desirable to spend money on indigo cultivation in Nigeria.

b Dr. letter since received from Dr Coleman in reply to Serial No. 2 supra is submitted to the Dewan for perusal.

7 There seems to be much force in the view taken by Dr Coleman.

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20/6/13.

8 A copy of the D.O letter issued by the Offg Chief Secretary is put up herewith. The Dewan desires that the Secretary should write to Dr Coleman about his discussing the question personally with Baron Schaffalitzky.

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9 Issue the D.O to Dr Coleman hereinafter put up.

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23/6/13

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D.O. letter No. 19/G 2 dated the 21st June 1913 issued to the Offg. Huzur Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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May I invite reference to your D.O. letter No. 345 dated the 4th June regarding Baron Schrottky's letter on the question of indigo cultivation in Mysore ? I send herewith copy of letter dated 17th June received from Dr. Coleman stating that the prospects of the indigo cultivation in Mysore are not encouraging and that it is not desirable to spend any money on it.

Dr. Coleman will be requested to communicate direct with the Baron and fix a date for a discussion of the subject at Bangalore if it should be convenient to the latter.

" C O P Y "

Under Secretary on duty with the Dewan.

General and Revenue Secretariat.

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5	To Dr Cleman D o. 20 248 of 24-6-13 Requests him to communicate with the Baron and arrange for a discussion of the matter with him
6	From The Economic Botanist & Supt Govt Gardens. No R 1153 dt 20-2-14 States in reply to ✠ no 3 that it is found that, in spite of Baron Schrottky's endeavours, cultivation has diminished even in most favoured Districts, being impracticable and that no practical good could be derived from the proposed experiment beyond ascertaining the value of the crop as a leguminous manure To Dr. Cleman is also of the same opinion Vide ✠ no 4. 11 No further action seems to be necessary. Says 26.2-14 Secy)

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No further action seems necessary

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D.O. No. R 140
Encl 3
11th June 1913

Dear Mr Coleman

I am directed by the Deputy Chairman & Secretary to the Enclosed papers received by him from the Treasurer of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Darbar and to request that he kindly forward him with a note containing your views about the possibility of imposing & realising cultivation tax in Nongstoin.

The Deputy Chairman will be glad to receive his reply in this matter by the 15th instant when he goes to Nongstoin on the 16th instant (14th & 30th A/N) this month.

Yours sincerely

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Diary No. of letter replied to 6869

No. R 7977

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To

G. H. Knuckle Esq
I.A.S.

Economic Botanist &
Supt, Jat Farms.

Date of issue 24-6-1913

Signed by Mr. S. P. Raja
for Secretary

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to this office memo no R 6790 of 16th June 1911 in regard to the cultivation of indigo in Mysore as suggested by Baron Schrottky, I and to enquire what further

over.

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action was taken by you
in the matter and what
the results of the experiment
in the Sunkala Tank farm
was in regard to indigo
cultivation

I have &c

for Secy to Govt

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D. O. No.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MYSORE,
~~Bangalore~~ Mysore, 17, 6, 1912.

Dear Mr Srinivasiengar,

With reference to your D.O. of some days back asking my opinion re indigo cultivation in Mysore I have to say that I believe it would be quite unwise to attempt its introduction. In the first place it could not be grown except under irrigation and even then probably would not do particularly well. In the second place there is now a ~~practical~~ certainty that the making of natural indigo is a dying industry. In this connection I may note that the Behar Indigo Planters who have employ)

I may point out that the indigo plant shares its power of enriching the soil with a large number of plants (the leguminosæ) many of which are being grown in Mysore and the best of which are being used by the Dept. of Agriculture in its demonstration work throughout the State. Under these circumstances it seems hardly necessary to introduce indigo for this purpose especially as it is practically certain not to do so well as the plants we are already growing.

I should be glad to have a conference with Baron Schrottky but as I am not coming to Mysore for the Race week (not having been invited) it will be necessary for the Baron to come to Bangalore or to stop off there on his way down or back. Yours sincerely

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a highly paid scientific staff
in a well equipped laboratory who
during the past five years have
closed up their laboratory
and have thereby tacitly
admitted their defeat. If
then Indigo cannot be grown profitably
in Behar under the most
favorable conditions I can see
no hope of its being a success
here.

I do not know Baron
Schrottky or his process but
the fact that he has transferred
his field of activity from Behar
to Madras although as his
printed papers indicate he
has carried on demonstration
work in the former locality
indicates to me that his
process can hardly be so
successful as he claims

With regard to the use of
indigo dafuse as a manure

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Serial No. 5

Diary No. of letter replied to 1869

No. R 248

General and Revenue Secretariat
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To Dr L. C. Coleman Ph.D Director of Agriculture

Date of issue 24-6-1913

Signed by Mr. G. S. Baker

Dear Dr Coleman,

Please refer to your letter dy 17 June to Mr K. R. Srinivasiengar on the subject of discussing with a Baron Schrottky questions connected with indigo planting in Mysore.

I am to request you to communicate direct with the Baron and arrange for a discussion of the matter with him at Bangalore, if it should be convenient to the over.

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Yours sincerely

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OFFICE OF THE ECONOMIC BOTANIST,
SUPERINTENDENT, GOVT. GARDENS,
LAL-BAGH, BANGALORE.

Dated, 20th February 1914.
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From

DIARY No. 5834

G. H. KRUMBIEGEL F.R.H.S.,
ECONOMIC BOTANIST,
SUPERINTENDENT, GOVT. GARDENS.

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To

K.R. Sreenivasa Iyengar, Esq., M.A.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja
of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments, Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your enquiry regarding the Experimental cultivation of indigo at Sunkal Tank Experimental Farm, I have the -- honor to state that Baron Schrottky was requested to kindly obtain for this Department seeds of the various types of indigofera as also for any data on the manufacture and the recent commercial results, positive of the product.

No reply, however, was received from Baron Schrottky and as the sewage water arrangement at the Sunkal Tank were not completed (as already mentioned in my report.....) and irrigation could therefore not be depended on, I had to defer the experiment. Meanwhile, it is found that indigo cultivation in spite of Baron Schrottky's endeavours to resuscitate its manufactures, has been -- further reduced even in the most favored districts as being impracticable. No practical good could be derived from the proposed experiment beyond ascertaining the value of the crop as a leguminous manure. For this purposes, I have now written to other sources for seed and as a well has now been dug in the Farm I shall put down two or three acres in the course of a month or two.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Economic Botanist,
Superintendent, Govt. Gardens.

SUPT.,

To

The Secretary to the Govt
of His Highness the Maharaj'
General and Revenue
Bangalore

Dated 21st February 1914.

Despatched

Received

General No. 1153.

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Enclosure No.

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